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REACTIONS TO INDIA PROPOSAL

Jerusalem, May 21.
The reactions of Arab and Jewish officials yesterday to the Anglo-American requests for their views on the inquiry committee recommendations were:

Dr. Izzat Tannous, member of the Arab High Committee:—"We have already given our view that we refute the recommendations entirely because they are biased and unfair. There is no consistency between the report and the recommendations."

A Jewish Agency spokesman:—"There will be no official statement until the meeting of the inner Zionist Council today. Our views are decidedly negative, more so because of such a request which means another month's delay. Implementation of the report could have been made when the report was published three weeks ago."—Associated Press.

British Note

Jerusalem, May 20.
Arab and Jewish leaders in Palestine were tonight taking the first steps to formulate their views on the main recommendations of the Anglo-American Palestine Commission, at the request of the United States and British Governments.

A British note asking for the submission of Jewish and Arab comment by June 20 was handed to delegates of the Arab Higher Committee and the Jewish Agency, by General Sir Alan Cunningham, the High Commissioner of Palestine.

A statement acknowledging receipt of the note was made late today by Dr. Bernard Joseph, Acting Chief of the Political Department of the Agency.

The United States Consul-General in Jerusalem has been instructed by the State Department to hand a similar note to the Jews and Arabs, setting the same time-limit.—Reuter.

U.S. Views

Washington, May 21.
Informed U.S. Government officials, who have been following the Indian position closely, judge from the Cabinet Mission proposals that a place in the British Commonwealth is planned for the country.

They do not feel that it rules out the possibility of "full and complete independence later on" however.

Officials have welcomed the plan, although some fear it may touch off civil disturbances by dissatisfied political elements. Some Indian political factions can be expected to brand the proposals as "an imposed declaration," and U.S. quarters therefore believe it possible that disturbances may spring up.

They regard the provision calling for majority approval on all major questions by the Moslem League and the Congress Party in the projected legislature as "a possible stumbling block."

The opposing viewpoints of Hindus and Moslems, they point, would make improbable such agreement unless a new spirit of co-operation suddenly arises.—Associated Press.

N. Z. Comment

London, May 21.
The Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Walter Nash, commenting on Britain's new plan for India, told Reuter today: "The proposals are reasonable and will, I hope, with such slight modifications as may be shown to be necessary, be acceptable to all India."

With the knowledge of the complete independence that has been enjoyed by New Zealand,

CUT IN RICE RATION Offset By Increased Issue Of Flour

Representations Being Made

BECAUSE HONG KONG'S RICE ALLOCATION FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1946 WAS ORIGINALLY CUT BY 50 PER CENT. AND HAS SINCE BEEN CUT A FURTHER 40 PER CENT. THROUGH LACK OF AVAILABLE SUPPLIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THE COLONY'S RICE RATION HAS TO BE FURTHER REDUCED.

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT, AS FROM THE NEXT RATION PERIOD, REGISTERED CONSUMERS WILL RECEIVE 1 1/2 CATTIES OF RICE AND 1 CATTY OF FLOUR TO BE SPREAD OVER A 10-DAY PERIOD.

Existing rations are 1 3/4 cattie of rice and half a catty of flour.

It will be seen that to offset the cut in rice, the flour ration has been increased.

Thus, in quantity of cereals and in food value, no hardship is imposed with the new rations.

The official Government spokesman, announcing the new rations, said this action was forced on the Government by circumstances over which they have no control.

Relating the facts leading up to the latest cut in rice rations, he said that originally the Young Planning Committee which operated in London during the war set down a minimum of 12 ozs. per head per day for rice consumers in the Far East.

First Blow

On the basis of this ration, Hong Kong estimated its requirements for the second quarter of 1946 (April, May and June) at 40,000 tons.

This was strongly placed before the Combined Food Board in Washington by the Colonial Office, which pointed out that Hong Kong had to depend entirely on imported rice, and was therefore not in such a good position as other places which had local resources on which to fall.

The response of the Combined Food Board was to make an allocation exactly half of estimated requirements—20,000 tons.

Although this was a severe blow, it was felt that if the 20,000 tons was forthcoming, Hong Kong would be able to continue at its existing ration.

And The Second
But the second blow fell recently when it was found that available supplies in Southeast Asia permitted Hong Kong to receive only 60 per cent. of its 20,000 tons.

The position has been aggravated by the fact that the Combined Food Board permits Hong Kong to draw only from the Southeast Asia areas for its supplies, whereas other places are drawing from other areas where availabilities of rice are greater.

The result is that although the Combined Food Board is supposed to allocate from world resources, it has, in effect, permitted some places to obtain sufficient rice to make further cuts unnecessary, while places like Hong Kong and Singapore have to introduce further restrictions.

H.E. Sir Mark Young, together with the Governors of Malaya and Singapore had made strong representations for a revision of this system and their case is being put before the Combined Food Board by the Colonial Office.

Singapore Rations
The spokesman pointed out that Singapore, as well as Hong Kong, has had to make new cuts in rice rations. As from Monday last, the Singapore rations are two and a quarter cattie of rice per man for one week, one and a half cattie per woman, and three quarters of a catty per child, as compared with the previous allotments of three cattie for a man, two and a half for a woman and one and a half for a child.

The wheat ration in Singapore remains at 10 ozs. weekly, while noodles, bread and biscuits remain in reasonable supply.

Referring again to the new Hong Kong rations, the official spokesman said it was not known until ten days ago that it would be necessary to make a further cut in the rice allotment, and only because of some far-reaching "housekeeping" by the Government.

PLANE HITS SKYSCRAPER

New York, May 21.
Speeding through the fog today, a two-engine Army plane blasted its way into the 68th floor of the 72-story Bank of Manhattan Building in New York's Wall Street, killing its four army officers and one WAC lieutenant occupant.

It ripped away part of the brick wall of the building. The structure is the fourth tallest in the world, having a height of 927 feet.

Last July, an Army B-29 piled into the 79th floor of the 102-story Empire State Building.—Associated Press.

RIOTS IN DELHI

New Delhi, May 21.
Two persons were killed and five injured in a riot between Hindus and Moslems in New Delhi last night.

A police communique said the violence came after a confrontation by a Moslem youth strayed into a field where Hindu youngsters were playing football.

Approximately one third of the old city was placed under a curfew order as a result of the outbreak and public gatherings were banned until May 27.—Associated Press.

Russia Loses Behind The Scenes Fight

New York, May 21.
Russia has lost a behind-the-scenes fight to make the members of the United Nations' permanent commission on human rights the political representatives of their Government instead of experts selected for their individual knowledge and understanding of human problems.

The Soviet effort to change the commission's composition came at the last minute.

During the weeks of discussion on the question, the Soviet had been represented by Nikolai Kriukov, who joined with other members in the unanimous adoption of the principle that the commission should be composed of individual experts.

Then, to the surprise of the commission, a new Russian representative, Alexander Borisov, presented his credentials and informed the body that Kriukov had been merely an observer, without the right to vote. Borisov immediately objected to the original principle of the selection of members, insisting that they should be representatives of the Governments appointed to the commission.

Objections Passed Over
K. C. Neogi, of India, original sponsor of the plan, said he felt "that as the economic and social council was elected by the Governments represented in the General Assembly, and as the members of the Economic and Social Council in their turn represented the Governments, the commission on human rights should not again consist of representatives of Governments."

The objections of Borisov were passed over and the Commission proceeded to draft its belief that with a like independence and complete sovereignty India can remain within the British Commonwealth in which the smallest of its members, as far as population is concerned, can work with India, the corresponding largest.

"By this means we and the remaining members of the British Commonwealth can make our individual and collective contribution towards the building and improvement of the democratic world, envisaged by the United Nations Organization."

Mr. Nash is now in London for the conference of Dominion Prime Ministers.—Reuter.

HERR FRANK TO HANG

Prague, May 21.
The former Nazi police chief in Czechoslovakia, Herr Frank, was today sentenced to be publicly hanged, after a lengthy trial which began on April 27 by the Czech People's Council here.

He is also to lose his citizen rights and to forfeit his entire property to the state. He will be hanged tomorrow. No appeal was granted.

The sentence was pronounced in deep silence in a packed court and a report issued by the Czechoslovak News Agency said that the people heard it with the deepest satisfaction.

"In the eyes of the Czech people Frank has covered his name with the most dreadful crimes the history of this country has ever known," the News Agency added.—Reuter.

Berno, May 21.
Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard, of the Netherlands, arrived by air at Geneva today on a three day official visit to Switzerland.—Reuter.

Auckland, N.Z., May 21.
The Pan-American Airways have already received more than 200 bookings for their service between New Zealand and San Francisco, which is being resumed next Saturday.—Reuter.

RATS, BUGS

Washington, May 21.
A group of scientists reported to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization today that there is more than enough grain in the world to feed all the hungry people if it were not for mice, bugs and other pests which will destroy, after the harvest, a tenth of the 725,000,000 tons of cereals, peas, beans and oil seeds produced yearly.

They estimated the loss to be more than seven times the 10,000,000 tons of wheat the world will be short of this year. The scientists said handling methods must be "enormously improved," especially at the farmer-handling level, to reduce losses.—Associated Press.

MANICURIST MURDERED

Liverpool, May 21.
A blonde manicurist was murdered in her salon during the evening rush-hour in the centre of Liverpool yesterday and the police today were making a widespread search for a man from Birkenhead, whom they wish to interview.

Passers-by, hearing screams, told the police, who entered the salon in Tempest Hay, close to the city headquarters, and found the woman—Mrs. Ella Staunton, aged 30—lying on the floor. She had been stabbed through the heart. There were head and face wounds and the woman's throat was bound with the flex cables of her electric lamp.

There were sighs of a struggle.—Reuter.

Allied Fight Over Peace Terms

Washington, May 21.
Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, stated last night in a nationwide broadcast that if a peace conference was not called this summer, the United States would ask the UNO General Assembly to take up the matter of peace settlements.

"The four Allied Governments cannot indefinitely delay making peace with the countries which they have long ceased to fight, simply because they cannot agree among themselves on peace terms," he said.

He disclosed that last December Stalin personally gave him wholehearted support for his proposal for a 25-year four-power treaty for Germany to which Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, raised serious objections at the recent Big Four ministers' meeting in Paris.—Reuter.

NATIONALIZING COAL MINES

London, May 21.
Nine men controlling 150,000,000 in public funds will put Britain into the coal business under the Labour Government's bill to nationalize coal mines.

The measure designates the matter to the National Coal Board, who will take over 850 collieries in the course of the next five years. It does not specify what compensation the Government is to pay the mine owners. A tribunal of three is scheduled to work for two years in assessing the values of mine properties before actual payments can be determined.

Compensation will be made in Government securities in order to prevent a flood of cash from moving into trade channels. The Board is also charged with concentrating on research to increase production methods and to advance the health, safety and welfare of miners.—Associated Press.

DOMINION HEADS CONFER

London, May 21.
Prime Minister MacKenzie King of Canada and Field-Marshal Smuts of South Africa, with representatives of Australia and New Zealand, were told frankly today by Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, what the prospects were of securing the peace of Europe through fresh attempts at achieving unity in political outlook by the big four powers, it was learned tonight.

Back from the second failure of the council of foreign ministers to reach an agreement on the drafts of the European peace treaties, Mr. Bevin spoke on the chances of the third attempt to be made in Paris on June 15 to secure the measure of understanding and identity of views which would restore the confidence of the allied nations in the ability of the big powers to lead the way to lasting harmony.

It was learned however that Mr. Bevin's review covered a wide field of differences that were acutely evident in Paris, particularly between the Russian attitude and that of the other powers on such issues as the future of Trieste and Tripolitania, and Italian reparations.

The comment by the Dominions Ministers, it was learned, showed that they were still strongly of the view that a peace conference of all the allied nations should be summoned without delay and that the settlement of the outstanding issues on which the big four themselves could not at present agree should be left to this bigger conference.

It is known that the United States, France and Britain favour such a proposal and that if Russia were agreeable, there would be no obstacle in the way of holding an immediate plenary peace conference. But no procedure exists at the moment which would persuade Russia to follow such a course.—Reuter.

Cyrenaica Problem

Washington, May 21.
Byrnes said that the British proposed they have trusteeship over the Italian colony of Cyrenaica "for security reasons."

He did not explain, but presumably he meant the British would like a base there. This might somewhat compensate for their prospective loss in Egypt. Cyrenaica, in North-east Africa, opposite Greece, holds a strategic position both in Egypt and the Eastern Mediterranean.

Byrnes said in his report—"The British felt that because of their promises during the war, they could not agree to Italian trusteeship for territory occupied by Spassal tribes."

Byrnes' radio report drew praise from several senators, but only sharp criticism from Senator Pepper, Florida Democrat.

Chairman Tom Connally, Texas Democrat of the Foreign Relations Committee who went to Paris with Byrnes as adviser, said the report was "very lucid and comprehensive, with a fine grasp of the situation."

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THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Cloudy with an occasional shower. Moderate southerly wind. Moderate rain. Tomorrow's temperature: Maximum—67.3 deg. at 4 p.m. Minimum—56.8 deg. at 2 a.m. Sunshine—4 1/2 hours. Rainfall—7 inches. Maximum humidity—88 per cent. at 2 a.m.

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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th day of May 1946 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on **Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock** noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$500.00 to \$1,200.00."

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun,
Secretary.

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RICE CUT

The population of Hong Kong is being called upon once again to accept with a good grace a further cut in the official ration of rice. It is, of course, expecting too much to assume that they will do so. The cut now to be enforced brings the daily quota

down to a quarter of a catty, just sufficient perhaps for one moderate meal, and no glossing will alter the fact that this is a serious deprivation. In the realm of vitamins and calories, the decision to increase simultaneously the flour ration means that from the viewpoint of nutrition, adequate compensation is provided, but the Chinese resident is not strikingly interested in statistics of relative caloric values. He is impressed solely by the unpleasant fact that he is to get less rice, and undoubtedly he will feel it as a heavy sacrifice. The situation would be better appreciated, if no more gladly accepted, if it were possible to show that the further slashing of Hong Kong's allocation had become imperative in order that available surpluses elsewhere might be used for the rescue of starving people. The public must, by now, have sufficiently comprehended the general gravity of the cereal shortage throughout the world to have knuckled down, grumbling perhaps, but still resigned, in the knowledge that the cut was unavoidable. The Government's statement, of course, reveals that from the standpoint of the Hong Kong Administration there was and is absolutely no choice. If the Combined Food Board has adopted a policy which cuts half the Colony's real requirements by a further forty per cent. only one course is open, to eke out the depleted allocation as fairly as possible. It is, however, to be hoped that no effort will be spared to secure modification of what is in fact a raw deal. An approach has already been made to the Colonial Office, both from Hong Kong and Singapore, which is similarly hard hit, to press home the plain facts. There is, too, a possibility that the British Government's efforts to increase the amount of rice available from Bangkok will succeed to the extent that, before the three-months period is up, we may be in a position to cook a snoot at the Combined Food Board's decree that we cannot go outside South-East Asia's sources of supply to meet Hong Kong's essential needs. Unsatisfactory as things are, therefore, it might be wrong to swing too heavily to extremes of pessimism. As long as there is assurance that Government is not taking lying down the Combined Food Board's apparently light-hearted disposal of the problem, the public will survey its depleted rice-bowl in somewhat better heart.

DOMINIONS CONFERENCE

London, May 20.

The Under-Secretary for India, Mr. Arthur Henderson, attended today's resumed conference of British and Dominion Prime Ministers.

It was the first meeting attended by the Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, reported fully on the recent foreign ministers conference in Paris.

It is now expected that the Dominions Conference will end on Thursday instead of Friday.

THE ACADEMY'S SHARP BREAK WITH TRADITION

This year's Royal Academy, the 178th, overflows into the courtyard of Burlington House. There the huge model of Maurice Lambert's equestrian statue of King George V. obscures from the entering visitor Drury's lighter but more vivid effigy of Reynolds. Sir Joshua's eclipse is symbolic of an exhibition that sharply marks the break with much ancient custom.

The picture of topical interest has almost disappeared. The Academician is no longer a pictorial annalist, and there is little that reflects the emergence from world-war. The ceremonial portrait is a rarity and the problem picture is extinct. But most to be noted is the absence of a dominant academic style. The hanging committee has been forced to win its effects from discord.

In this respect a Chantry Request purchase has enabled it to achieve a dramatic stroke by placing in the coveted coign of vantage in the large Third Gallery a superb Millais of the later vintage. With "Hearts are Trumps" the great Victorian P.R.A. painted the "Picture of the Year" for 1946.

The three young crinolined beauties, magnificently life-sized, are seated at cards against a background of Chinese screen and floral profusion. In its magisterial organisation the work is one of the last examples of the academic grand manner; amid the products of a less spacious age it echoes with resounding dignity the knell of its own tradition.

The War-Scarred City

A complete contrast in appeal, and one of the few exhibits of historical significance, Cecil Brown's "A Tribute to London" unexpectedly brings poignant interest into the year's architectural section.

A tour de force as a drawing, it gives a bird's-eye view of the war-scarred City of London. Showing only buildings and blanks of desolation, it is eloquent by the very fact of its objective accuracy and minuteness of detail—a chart of tragedy and fortitude.

It moves the emotions the

more by making no attempt to dictate to them, and it is to be regretted that Dame Laura Knight, in "Nuremberg"—the picture she visited the trial to paint—has not used something of the same economy of sentiment. It is a remarkable picture, sure to halt all visitors, and the purely graphic ability

By T. W. EARP
Daily Telegraph Art Critic

In the portrayal of the two rows of war criminals in the dock cannot be denied. Their mentality is conveyed with a ruthless force that yet escapes caricature. But the self-sufficing realism suddenly switches to lurid allegory in a background of war atrocities, and the work crumbles away, both as composition and statement.

Like these "Pictures of the Year," some portraiture stands out owing to an interest more general than that of painting alone. As a painting, the portrait of the Queen, by James Gunn, does not count among his successes—it makes a praiseworthy attempt to be natural, but so much attention has been given to the mere imitation of the dress and the jewels that actual portraiture and expression hardly tell at all.

The smiling bronze head by Sir W. Reid Dick has much more life. The other Royal portrait is A. K. Lawrence's charming and spirited pastel of Prince Michael of Kent.

Men And Occasions

Mr. Attlee, looking up from his writing table, is painted by G. Harcourt; and Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery and one of his canaries, by J. Worsley. Two public occasions are commemorated in R. Eurich's "Royal Visit to Eton," with an agreeable tinge of mediocrity, and F. W. Elwell's stiffer rendering of Mr. Churchill's presence at "A Sheriff's Lunch."

Augustus John and Gerald Brockhurst, two sure magnets of attraction, do not show this year. On the other hand, there are Academicians who contribute to the disappointing lack

of vitality in the present show by sending the full quota of canvases permitted entry without challenge. This too often crowds out the chances of new talent with weaker and weaker repetitions of what is virtually the same picture.

The tried public favourites either provide variety or approach with unexhausted freshness the subjects in which they specialise. Thus the President, Sir Alfred J. Munnings, pours vigour into his characteristic "Going to the Start" and "After the Race." In "The Old Sand Pit" he practices a vibrant sunlit impressionism, and catches the spirit of the season in "Winter on Exmoor."

Dame Laura Knight displays a happiness of colour and of human sympathy in "Among the Hop Vines" and "The Sick Gipsy." Her extraordinary technical prowess is asserted in the intricacy of the two large water-colours, "In a Bearing Factory: Steel and Oil" and "Visual Inspection."

George Belcher, refusing to be pigeon-holed as a painter of Cockney types, reverts to "straight" portraits and delicately wrought still-lives and flower-pieces. Charles Spence, whom one would not have change, shows two of his typical old men in dusty interiors, and a marvellous array of curios in "Grandfather's and Grandmother's Treasures."

Yet, although there are painters who can become successful masters of a single subject, or stick to a restricted method of treatment, it is a pity that several of the recently elected progressive Associates are already starting to limit their range. Does not E. Le Bas himself tire of restaurant scenes, well though he paints them, S. Spurrer of comic Victorians and J. Fitton of the colour red? A mannerism is not the same as a style, and to adopt one is not the best way of becoming distinct and individual.

At the old Academies, within their various sections from the Sublime downwards, an imposed sameness of handling ended in monotony. Now there is the risk of that result from over-cultivation of independence, from the lack of common first principles. It is alluring in the present show to seek the items that manage to be original without being strained. A. Daintrey's "Surrey," R. Guthrie's "The Old Lady," H. M. Carr's "Mrs. Tom Davies" and A. J. R. Spear's "Riverside" might be submitted as examples.

The Golden Mean

The quest for the academic golden mean is not so easy. In portraiture its grasp could lie between H. Lamb's "Lawrence Haward, Esq." with its sensitive handling of character, and the more detached precision of H. Knight's "T. Kingdom, Esq.," and in landscape, between the quiet naturalism of B. Priestman's "The Watering Place" and the tender impressionism of Sir W. H. Russell's "The Boat Yard: Roffing."

There is plenty of latitude between these tentatively suggested boundaries. Perhaps, on the whole, it could be said that the weight of authority in the Academy rests today where the New English Art Club rested before the post-impressionist exhibition exploded in 1910.

Yet, as happens each spring at Burlington House, oddities get past the hanging committee. They may be indicated in question form—Which exhibit resembles a Picasso? Which is nearest to surrealism? Which contains a blue ghost?

POOR OLD ALBION

Washington, May 21.
Rejection of any effort to send U.S. troops to Palestine to preserve order was urged on President Truman Monday by the Political Action Committee.

Referring apparently to Mr. Attlee's statement that Britain wanted United States' assistance in carrying out the Anglo-American commission's recommendations, the Political Action Committee wrote to the president:

"We urge you to reject this dastardly and callous use of British foreign policy. We urge you to insist in turn on the recognition by Britain of the defence forces in Palestine and the Jewish Brigade still detained outside the country they helped to defend."

Associated Press.

What Will You Do With Your Gratuity?

(By B. C. Dunthorne)

Thousands of men and women are coming out of the Forces every month, and 57 days after their "demob" they receive their gratuity and final pay. What is happening to that money when it is received? Before going more fully into that question let me say that I could see no reason at first why the ex-Serviceman or woman should have to wait that eight weeks for the money; those of you who still have to come out may probably feel the same.

But now I think differently—and I even wonder if the period of waiting is not too short. The man or woman coming out of the Forces receives pay for a certain period, and I have found that most of them, where they have the chance, are getting back to their old jobs before that so their income is not affected. But the chief reason for supporting the delay in paying out the gratuities is that a man or woman must have time to get back into the routine of civilian life.

Men and women who have been out of the country for some years know little about the conditions of trade, or of the values of post-war articles, or of the shopping restrictions with which the civilian has had to contend throughout the war. It has been my good fortune to have dealings with a number of returned men and women who have spent some years overseas, some of them in areas where they have had to put their money to one side because there was nothing on which to spend it, and others from areas where their purchasing power was very high.

All have come home with the idea of doing something to ease the memory as far as is possible, of those "wasted years" by either having a "glorious binge" or putting their money to some useful purpose. By the time they receive

their gratuity they have had time to get to know some of the problems of spending money in Britain, and also some of the restrictions which prevent them spending money, except in given circumstances.

One thing is certainly true: hundreds of thousands of pounds of gratuity money is going into the homes of returned men and women. A friend in the trade told me that docketts for furniture, bedding, curtains, etc., which are available for those wanting to set up home are being used very freely.

Those who have ideas of setting up in business on their own when they come out have probably had warnings about the pitfalls to be encountered, about the people who are ready to take the money out of their hands and leave them with nothing tangible. It may be you will laugh at the idea, but Scotland Yard has nevertheless thought fit to set up a branch to look after the Serviceman's interests.

Not every business is suitable for the returned man or woman, but there are many that are, and there are various organisations connected with these trades willing and ready to give the returned man advice and help.

I discussed the matter with an official of the British Legion and he told me that dozens of men have passed through his hands all anxious to start in business on their own.

With the help of trade organisations and the resources of the Legion as many as possible have been given a start, and so far there has not been a single failure. The men have been put into sound steady businesses.

There is not a great deal of profit in them at the moment. Chiefly it is hard work, and a living, but they are getting the grounding for the better times that everyone hopes will be coming before long.

WORLD FOOD DICTATOR

Herbert Hoover's Proposal To U.N.O.

AMERICANS ADVISED TO LEAVE

Tabriz, May 21.
The American Consul at Tabriz, Robert Russell, has advised all American citizens to leave Azerbaijan after Jafar Pishavari had told correspondents that the province was "on a war footing."
There are six Americans in the province, which is seeking autonomy from Teheran.
"Although we are on a war footing," Pishavari said, "I have confidence in the friendly intentions of Quavam es Sultani, Premier of Iran, and I am convinced that the Teheran conversations were deadlocked because of certain reactionaries around the Premier."
Pishavari said that the Russians were giving "material support" to the autonomy movement in Iran and added that he was convinced that the evacuation of the Red Army "is complete."
"Russian moral support for our bid for freedom from oppression by a reactionary Central Government has made it possible for the people to realise their 30-year hope for a democratic way of life," Pishavari told American correspondents.
"That same support, I believe, will aid the progress of countries throughout the Middle East."
The Prime Minister said he was "entirely willing" for the province to return to the framework of the Iranian nation but only "if freedom is won and the democratic government we have organised is recognised."
—Associated Press.

Truman On The Industrial Crisis

Liberty, Missouri, May 21.
President Truman yesterday warned a nation worried by the crisis in the coal and railroad fronts that the structure of organized society "shakes loose" when one cog gives out.
He made no effort to hide his own concern over both the domestic and foreign situation in appealing for "decent understanding" and for "workers" to save the country and world peace.

Value Of Paris Discussion

Washington, May 21.
U.S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today declared that the Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Paris made "disappointingly small" progress on European settlements.
In a radio report to the nation on his Paris mission, Mr. Byrnes declared that building a "people's peace" is a "long and hard process" which cannot be won "by flashing diplomatic triumphs."
Mr. Byrnes added that while the Foreign Ministers in Paris differed on many fundamental points, they did get to know what those fundamental points were and the varying weight the difference Ministers attached to those points.—Associated Press.

DENMARK AND EXTRALITY

Nanking, May 21.
Denmark yesterday signed a treaty relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.
Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh and Henrik De Kauffman, the Danish Envoy, signed the pact.
Both nations have agreed to begin negotiations as soon as possible for a modern comprehensive treaty of friendship, commerce, navigation and Consular rights.—Associated Press.

EXILE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED

Bucharest, May 21.
The Rumanian Government has recognised the Spanish Republican Government in exile in Paris, Bucharest radio said yesterday.—Associated Press.

STAYING OUT

New York, May 21.
Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the United Nations Security Council, has indicated that he would not attend Wednesday's council session on the Iranian question.—Associated Press.

8-Point Scheme Outlined

WASHINGTON, MAY 21.
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A WORLD FOOD "CZAR" WAS URGED BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S FOOD ENVOY, MR. HERBERT HOOVER, AT THE OPENING SESSION HERE OF THE CONFERENCE OF UNITED NATIONS FOOD MINISTERS.
"THE NEW SET UP SHOULD TAKE OVER ON SEPTEMBER 1 NEXT WHEN THIS IMMEDIATE FOOD CRISIS SHOULD HAVE PASSED," MR. HOOVER TOLD DELEGATES OF 18 NATIONS.

Only Russia and Argentina, Brazil and Iran were absent from these invited to attend.
Outlining his plan in detail, Mr. Hoover recommended that a new organisation should be created now under the auspices of the UNO Security Council or better still under your committee.
"For your convenience I will refer to this organisation as the UNO Food Administration," he recommended.
"1. A single food administrator be appointed with a small advisory committee.
"2. The advisory committee should in the majority represent food producing nations as they will have to furnish supplies.
"3. The Food Administration may set up certain regional organisations, one for South America and one for the Indian Ocean area which should include Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
"4. This agency will serve only during the period of food scarcity and agricultural reconstruction from war.
"5. This agency should absorb from September 1 the food and agricultural activities of the UNRRA which covers only 20 per cent of the present world problem. Mr. La Guardia, its

Director-General favours such a course.

Combined Food Board

"6. The new administration should incorporate the Combined Food Board and all other international food and agricultural reconstruction agencies.

"7. It should be the purpose of the Food Administration to return to normal the commerce, food, fertilizer and farm supply business of the world with all possible speed. Commerce will secure more economical distribution. It will serve with far more assurance and efficiency to farmers, merchants and consumers than will governments. More, the world must quit charity as the basis for widespread food distribution.

"I cannot too strongly emphasize that charitable distribution is hugely wasteful and inefficient.

"8. The Food Administration should have by agreement among the supply nations the direction of and distribution of some marginal quantities of food so that it can fill in any neglected channels of commerce. What that percentage may be can be estimated when we know the amount of the world food resources."

Mr. Hoover ended with the warning: "The first voice of war is guns—but the final voice in making peace is food."

Truman Message
The session opened with a message of welcome from President Truman in which the President declared: "What this conference accomplishes or fails to accomplish will make its mark not only in areas where people are hungry as the aftermath of war but in all parts of the earth and for a long time to come.

"Everyone realises now that the worldwide scarcity of cereals cannot be completely covered with the 1946 harvest and that deficits in livestock products will continue for a long time.

"The remaining weeks before the 1946 grain harvest in the Northern Hemisphere will be especially critical and the United States and other countries in a position to help must continue and heighten their efforts.—Reuter.

The President spoke at the William Jewell College, where he was awarded an honorary Law Degree.

"The United Nations must be a success and will be a success because it must. If we are going to be a success at anything we must work. That is all we need now to create the greatest age in the history of this world. Simply work and work and have a normal and decent understanding of our neighbours and our neighbours' needs both locally, nationally and internationally."

The President made no direct reference to the coal-railroad crisis but said, "Leadership is not worth very much unless there are workers and followers.

"Somebody has to sit in the front row and work. That is true in the coal mines. That is true on railroads. That is true in automobile factories. We have a society which is organized and when one cog in that organization gives out the whole structure begins to shake loose."

Prior to the ceremony, President Truman visited his 93-year old mother, Mrs. Martha Truman, at her Grandview Missouri home, where she had been ill with a cold. After the ceremony, he returned to Washington by plane.—Associated Press.

AUSTRIAN BLACK MARKET TRICKS
Vienna, May 21.
The latest trick in smuggling food by black-market dealers into famine threatened Vienna is to pose as Viennese refugees from Upper Austria, secure the necessary transportation, and load the forbidden food supplies on the refugee trains.

The police uncovered the trick in a train raid in which 80 professional black marketeers were arrested and large quantities of food seized. The police also found 18 prominent Nazis among the 600 "refugees" aboard.—Reuter.

U.S. ART LOAN TO BRITAIN
Southampton, May 21.
A collection of 221 paintings, representing modern American art, were unloaded today from the liner Queen Mary, which docked here on Sunday.

The paintings, loaned by the American National Gallery of Art, will be exhibited at the Tate Gallery in London.

They were shipped to the capital by special freight cars escorted by police.—Reuter.

EISENHOWER TAKES HOLIDAY
Seasland, Georgia, May 20.
General Dwight Eisenhower, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, is taking his first vacation in eight years at this coastal resort. He arrived on Sunday following a

Earth Shock Bomb Tests At Bremen

London, May 21.
Bombing of the big German submarine pens near Bremen with "earth shock" bombs, in the largest display of four engine B29s which over flew over Germany together with bombers of the R.A.F., are being carried out to determine the full possibilities of destroying massive targets by "earth shock" British developed bombs ranging up to 22,000 pounds and American 4,500 pound rocket-assisted armour-piercing bombs.
An Air Force statement announcing the experiments, did not mention whether Soviet observers had been invited but it is known that none have witnessed the tests to date.—Associated Press.

Britain Will Be Careful

London, May 21.
Mr. Attlee told the House of Commons yesterday that Britain has to be "more careful" than indiscriminately to admit to Britain all Poles or other foreign troops who do not want to go back to their own countries.

"I am not prepared to say that all those who fought for this country must necessarily come to this country. We have to be more careful than that," Attlee said after Liberal Wilfrid Roberts had declared the government was "dumping" General Wladislaw Anders 110,000 Polish troops in Scotland. Roberts challenged Attlee to let them stay in Britain "until permanent arrangements have been made for them to go to the Dominions or elsewhere."—Associated Press.

ALEXANDRIA RIOT
Alexandria, May 20.
Three British soldiers and one South African coloured soldier were injured when a British military truck was attacked in the native quarter of Alexandria this afternoon.

The truck was brought to a standstill by the crowd and then stoned.

Later a small demonstration took place in Mohamed Ali Square but there are no further reports of attacks on British military personnel.

The town is strictly out of bounds to British Service personnel.—Reuter.

ATTEMPT TO SPEED MUSLIM REPLY
NEW DELHI, MAY 21.
THE BRITISH CABINET MISSION WAS UNDERSTOOD TONIGHT TO BE TRYING TO SPEED UP A REPLY BY THE ALL INDIA MUSLIM LEAGUE TO ITS PROPOSALS FOR INDIA'S FUTURE.

THE FAILURE OF THE LEAGUE TO ANSWER THE PROPOSALS—INCLUDING THE SETTING UP OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT—WAS FOR THE MOMENT HOLDING UP DEVELOPMENTS.

Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Muslim League President, was still in Simla, where he was said to be continuing his study of the British plan.

The Congress Party acceptance of the British proposals, with some reservations, was taken for granted, and it was widely suggested that the implementation of the proposals could begin almost immediately if a favourable reply was received from the Muslim League.

But Muslim League fixtures, according to reports here, run into early June. A meeting of the Muslim League Working Committee has been called for June 8 in New Delhi and a meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League is fixed for June 5.

There was another meeting of the Congress Working Committee today. But this series of meetings, and a conference between M. K. Gandhi and the British Mission, were not interrupted here as meaning that there had been a hitch, but as a methodical check to make sure that the Congress reading of the proposals was the same as that of the Mission.

The whole pattern of the proposals, including the form and personnel of an interim government for India, was being examined.

Sovereign Body
Mr. Gandhi's interpretation that the proposals would permit the Constituent Assembly to decide the important question of the grouping of provinces has, it was believed, been followed in Congress quarters. But there were still points which do not seem clear to the Congress Working Committee, and it was understood that at today's meeting the Committee authorised Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, to ask Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, for elucidation of various points.

Congress was seeking an assurance that the Constituent Assembly would be a sovereign body and that a declaration to that effect would be made.—Reuter.

Pacific inspection
His vacation will be short as he is planning to go to Washington on May 24.—Associated Press.

GANDHI FOR DRY INDIA

Bombay, May 21.
Mohandas Gandhi today called upon Congress and Muslim League leaders to work for prohibition in India. Writing in his newspaper, "Harijan," Gandhi condemned cocktail parties and other "bad" European manners and customs, adding "It would be a sad day for India and the world if the price we pay for independence is cocktail parties and the like."—Associated Press.

Pope On The Present State Of The World

Vatican City, May 20.
Pope Pius at an audience for Sisters of the Order of Assumption today said that mankind, despite material progress in the last hundred years, "still plunges toward the same abysses."

He urged the sisters of the order to fulfill its mission of "educating a vanguard of women who will constitute in political and social life the living cells of religious feeling."

The Pope blamed the state of the world upon "those who are seeking to banish religion from human determination."—Associated Press.

OPERATION CROSSROADS
En Route To Bikini, May 20.
Official experts said on Sunday that the radio activity caused by "Operation Crossroads" when naval units are atom-bombed in Bikini lagoon in July may drift around the world numerous times in the upper air currents at or above 7,000 feet.

They believe that the bomb explosions could create a local thunder shower, but discounted any change of a general effect on weather or climate.

One said (in connection with the bomb-cloud drift) that it is impossible for rain falling through clouds to wash down with it some of the poisonous radio particles resulting from the explosion.

Lt. F. A. Humphrey, U.S.N., the assistant aerological officer for the operations task force, said that of great importance from a safety standpoint is the correct estimation of wind direction so that the test will not be made at a time when there is a danger of a poisonous atomic cloud drifting over inhabited islands.

He said that the percentage of cloud cover over the target area will be the most important factor in the test and he thought that July may have seven operational days.—Associated Press.

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NOTICE
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Economics Must Back Politics

London, May 21.
The Foreign Minister Mr. Ernest Bevin, said last night that communism, as well as fascism, would vanish if enough people had enough of the necessities of life.

Addressing representatives of 31 nations who will attend today's opening meeting of the International Conference of Agricultural Producers, Bevin said: "Communism cannot exist if you remove from the world want and starvation."

He said, at another point: "We want no more Nazism, we want no more dictatorship."

The Foreign Secretary appealed to the delegates to "talk as one farmer," in an effort to raise world food production, asserting, "you cannot produce harmony out of hunger, starvation and privation."

He added: "No foreign secretary will ever work out peace in this world unless economic factors are brought into proper relation with the political factors which determine world peace."—Associated Press.

4,000 YEAR-OLD TEMPLE FOUND
Cairo, May 20.
A temple believed to have been built 4000 years ago in honour of the god Khnum whom the Pharaohs worshipped as the Creator of the world, has been discovered 500 miles south of Cairo. The Egyptian Antiquities Administration discovered among the treasures found in the temple 15 stone tablets inscribed with fables.

The excavators also discovered ten granite statues of Aswan governors inside the temple.—Associated Press.

VARSITY FINANCE
Mr. A. Morse, C.B.E., of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, will give a talk on "Finance as affecting the future of Hongkong University," at a luncheon of the Hongkong University Alumni Association on Friday, in Queen's Building.

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"Iniquitous Attitude" Of The Crown

TALK ON THE COCOS IS.

The historical and geographical background of the Cocos Islands, with their luxuriant growth of coconut trees, provided material for a talk by Mr. J. J. Knight at yesterday's weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club.

The speaker was on the islands on an important assignment with Cable and Wireless from Dec. 1941 to June 1942, and during his stay here the Japanese shelled the islands and seriously damaged the cable and wireless station. A large fire at one of the wooden out-buildings led the enemy to believe that the station was completely smashed and luckily for the islanders, they did not land after that they gave the place no more attention other than a periodical reconnaissance flight. No messages were sent over the air and the Japanese were completely hoodwinked.

The importance of the islands as a link in inter-empire communications was first realised in 1900 when a cable station was set up. At the time the cable connecting South Africa and Australia was being laid and the station was part of a scheme of island stations to speed up communications.

Cocos Islands first came into world prominence during World War I when, as a result of a message from the wireless station indicating the presence of the German raider "Emden," which was then sending ashore a raiding party, HMS Sydney was put on the trail which wrote the last chapter to the marauder's exploits.

The speaker was thanked by Rotarian George She for revealing for the first time many interesting facts about a place which they thought had no more than an abundance of coconuts.

Two new members were inducted at yesterday's meeting. They were Mr. P. C. Clemo and Mr. H. D. Balidawalla. Visiting Rotarians Geo. J. McCarthy from Shanghai and Y. Y. Wang from Kweilin were welcomed by the Chairman. Guests present were Comdr. K. Kirby, the Rev. Hedley Bunton, and Messrs. I. G. N. Dixon, R. Taylor and S. Harrop.

"TO YOUR LIKING"

Dumarte and Denzar, stars of the current attraction at the ENSA Star Theatre, are a versatile pair with a repertoire ranging from the famed Skeleton Act to everything conceivable in the line of crackpot comedy. With a supporting company of seven attractive ladies and a magician, the musical revue "To Your Liking" turns up as one of the best of the many that ENSA has brought out here to date.

The revue is rich in backdrops and props, but where atmosphere is necessary the company rallies with a will and produces a genuine bit of rural Ireland complete with the curate and both "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling." Songs are by Joan Grosvenor and Beryl Templeman, who also have a surprise in store for one lucky member of the audience. It is necessary to be in the front row, preferably in the seat on the extreme right.

The glamour girls are a particularly attractive set. They are Gladys Lincoln, Drucilla Menham, Elva Quinn and Betty Debble; the latter two have been here before with a Canadian company. In the company also are Peta Broadhurst, an accordionist who holds the eye and "Leroy" a magician who confuses it.

Whatever can be said for the Skeleton Act, a Dumarte and Denzar specialty, their "Ten Minutes in Paris" is one of the finest acts to have hit a variety show. Hats off to the two also for their sketch "Aggie Easy" with Dumarte as the new maid and Denzar as the old rip.

Leung Yiu, who pleaded guilty on May 17 to two charges of burglary at the Y.W.C.A. Hostel, MacDonnell Road, and whose sentence was suspended until 10 a.m. yesterday, to enable the Police to make further enquiries, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan.

Before Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday at the Central Magistracy, applications for particulars in respect of the charges against W. J. Carroll, Harry Hyndman and C. J. Grover for offences under the Defence Regulations, were submitted by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, Mr. B. D. Evans and Mr. Alfred Hon respectively.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared on behalf of the Crown. In submitting the application for particulars, Mr. Remedios submitted that the charge as it stood was vague and contained no particulars at all of the acts alleged.

Mr. Remedios argued that the attitude of the Crown was incomprehensible and more in keeping with feudal days before Magna Carta was forced upon King John. It was not his desire to trouble the Court with the application, but an application to the Law Officers of the Crown for particulars had been unsuccessful, the reply being that particulars would be given ten days before the trial at the Supreme Court. Mr. Remedios spoke of the dangers to which the defence was exposed and said that as the alleged offences occurred some four years ago, it would take time to find witnesses. Mr. Remedios contended that the attitude of the Crown was iniquitous, and said that in all his years of practice, he had never known of a case where the Crown had adopted such an attitude.

"Most Unfair" Mr. Evans, supporting the submissions by Mr. Remedios, stated that he had received a letter similar to that mentioned by Mr. Remedios. Mr. Evans argued that it was most unfair that a man who had been in custody for six months should not know the exact offence with which he was charged and to be told that he would know what charge he would have to face only ten days before the trial at the Supreme Court. Mr. Evans submitted that the action of the Crown was unfair and obstructive.

Mr. Alfred Hon endorsed these submissions and said it was hardly in keeping with British principles of justice to withhold particulars which would have to be given sooner or later. Mr. Hon quoted several legal authorities in support of the application.

Crown's Attitude On behalf of the Crown, Mr. de Silva quoted numerous legal authorities in support of his contention that the defence was

Film Review

"THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM"

Gregory Peck is a new recruit to the naturalistic school of film actors, a school typified by Gary Cooper and Bing Crosby, in which the principal requirement is to appear completely at ease in the part. The trick is, of course, to ensure that the part that you have to play is not so noticeably different from your own personality to cause difficulty. Peck is quite obviously the quiet sort of young fellow who had he not become an actor, could quite well have been a missionary.

Although the theme of this film is religious, its approach is sufficiently broad to cause offence to no-one. The emphasis is rather on the importance of common humanity than the pressing of the claims of any one particular sect or religion. Thomas Mitchell characterises the medical man who has no religion but the desire to heal the sick, a likeable man. In fact almost everything in this film could be called likeable, even Sister Marie Veronica (Rosa Stradner).

The refreshing thing about "The Keys of the Kingdom" is the absence of sentimentality, its emotions are genuine in place of the synthetic feelings we are commonly asked to believe in by Hollywood. It is a sincere attempt by director John Stahl to translate for the screen A. J. Cronin's book, but most important of all it is a plea for tolerance, in a world that is sadly lacking in this necessary quality. This fine and moving film will soon be showing at the Queen's.

HONG KONG WATER SUPPLY

As a result of the weekend rains, the reservoirs on the island and mainland had, up to Tuesday morning, taken in an additional 487,000,000 gallons of water. This represents 23 days' water supply.

The total water storage on Tuesday morning was 2,176 million gallons, which is about 10 per cent of the Colony's total storage capacity.

not entitled, at this stage, to the particulars asked for. Strong objection was raised by the Defence when Mr. Silva attempted to put in a copy of "The Trial of Sir Roger Casement," a novel of the "Famous Trial" Series. Although Mr. Silva argued that his only purpose in putting forward the book was to afford guidance and illustration to the learned Magistrate, Mr. Kwan upheld the objection.

Mr. Silva also submitted that it was not within the jurisdiction of the Court to order particulars.

Decision On Monday

Just before the case was adjourned, Mr. Silva explained the difficulties in the way of the Crown in regard to cases of this nature. The Crown was most anxious to expedite the trial of all cases, but was short-handed at the moment. It was hoped, however, that a second Judge would be appointed within the next few days, when it would be possible to hold two trials at the same time.

Mr. Remedios replied that while Counsel appreciated the difficulties in the way of the Crown, they were bound by the instructions of their clients, who were more interested in their own difficulties, than the difficulties of the Crown.

The case was adjourned till Monday, at 10 a.m., when Mr. Kwan will give his decision on the application for particulars.

SPEEDING IN KING'S ROAD

Kwok Wing was charged before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with speeding in King's Road on April 29, and with not having proper control of the vehicle.

It was stated that accused was seen at about 1.55 p.m. on April 29, by a Naval patrol in King's Road driving in a westerly direction. Accused was stopped after a long chase, when the speed was 35 miles per hour. Accused appeared to have difficulty in stopping the vehicle.

In view of his past record which was satisfactory, he was fined \$5 on each charge.

Kwok Yiu, found guilty of driving car No. 417 without due care and caution and failing to comply with a signal given by a Police Officer, was fined \$60 by Mr. She.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Hidden prosecuted.

CAT BURGLARY

Mr. B. W. Bradbury, of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Company, Wyndham Street, was the victim of a burglary early yesterday morning, when two suit cases containing clothing were stolen from the first floor of the above address.

A man was riding in a rickshaw with the suit cases, when apprehended by a Chinese detective in Eastern Street near Connaught Road West.

Alleged to be a cat burglar, he will be brought before Court this morning.

The man is said to have been arrested wearing a shirt and pair of pants belonging to Mr. Bradbury.

"NOT GUILTY," THEN "GUILTY"

Li Man Ching, charged with attempting to break into Room 223 at the Nam Ping Hotel on 27th December last, with intent to commit a felony, and with having in his possession an offensive weapon, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan yesterday.

When the case was called, accused pleaded not guilty, but subsequently changed his mind and entered a plea of guilty.

S. L. Lau, prosecuting, said accused had been before a Military Tribunal during the Military Administration, but had, during the course of the trial, jumped bail of \$500. He had only just been re-arrested.

Accused, appealed to Mr. C. Y. Kwan for leniency, but was told that he should consider himself lucky in getting off with such a light sentence.

Assaulted Maid Servant

Nguyen Xuan Dai, alias Yuen Chun-ai, of French Bank Building, fifth floor, was summoned before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for assaulting a 22-year-old girl Sum Ping on May 8.

According to the girl, she was working as a maid servant at the French Bank Building, and residing at the servant quarters. About 9.30 p.m. on May 8, accused was quarrelling with his wife. When she told him not to make so much noise, accused held her by the neck and her head struck against a window frame, causing injuries.

A doctor's certificate was produced in Court certifying to a scalp wound one inch long on the head.

Accused was fined \$25 and ordered to pay \$25 compensation to the complainant.

Weddings

Shroff-Ruttonjee

The wedding took place yesterday in the Registry of Captain Nariman K. Shroff, medical officer attached to No. 28 Indian General Hospital, and Dr. (Miss) Parrin Ruttonjee. The Deputy Registrar of Marriages, Mr. C. d'Almada e Castro, officiated.

The witnesses were Lt.-Col. T. R. Pahwa, O.C. 28 Indian General Hospital, and Mr. P. K. Pavri. The bride was attended by Mrs. Cherito Esmail, Mrs. P. K. Pavri, Miss Ruby Pavri and Mrs. B. C. Tavadia.

A reception was held later at the Officers' Mess of 28 I.G.H. at Bowen Road.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Fehly, Col. W. G. S. Foster, Dr. and Mrs. S. N. Chau, Dr. T. W. Ware, Dr. D. K. Samy and the Misses Samy, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. R. A. Daskar, Dr. N. P. Karanjia, Mr. K. M. Lokoomall, Major K. Ber, Mr. K. Hussain, Dr. and Mrs. W. Winterstein and Miss Elisabeth Lodwick.

Captain and Mrs. Shroff are leaving shortly for North Burma.

Forthcoming

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:— Armando Maria Xavier, printer, 226 Katharine Building, 2nd floor, to Elfrida Espirito Santo, 29 Rua de Volong, Macao. William Urwin, LAC. Cook, R.A.F. Kimberley Road, Kowloon, to Annie Marie Chan, 74 Yu Chau St., Kowloon. Alfonso Lui Griskelle, broker, 9 Soares Avenue, to Dolores Lujan, Rosary Hill. Alastair Robert Denholm, officer in H.M. Forces, H.Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong, to Patricia Kathryn Sheila Pasco, 13 Bowen Road.

People

It is probable that H.E. Sir Mark Young, Admiral Lord Fraser and Admiral Chak, Mayor of Canton, will attend Saturday's performance at the China Fleet Club of the highly successful Wah Yan production of two Chinese plays in English.

It is understood that Admiral Lord Fraser, who has arrived back in Hong Kong from Tokyo, will be leaving for England about June 3.

Mrs. Ann Dudley and Mrs. Freda Gray were among passengers arriving from Australia in Bonaventure. Miss Elma Kelly also arrived in the same vessel.

Mr. F. J. Gould has been appointed acting Pensions Judge and he will be hearing some of the cases, the first of which will be taken this morning.

PERJURY CHARGE

Charged with perjury in that she had on May 20 at Kowloon Court, after being declared as a witness in the case against Chen Sau, made a statement which was material to the proceedings and which she knew to be false or did not believe to be true, Yip Ng, 32, mistress of Boat No. 642, appeared before Mr. Horacio Lo at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Yip had been one of the witnesses the day before in the case against Cheng Sau, charged with the larceny of 1,800 lbs. of rice from the "Sumner" on May 2.

Sub-Ins. Askow, prosecuting, opposed granting of bail. This was, however, granted being set at \$500.

Enquiries regarding a strange-looking structure now going up on the Southern Playground, Wan-chai, reveal that a troupe of Shanghai acrobats will shortly stage an exhibition of trick cycling round the inside walk of the structure.

Readers' Letters

Boycott Call

Sir,—If you went to the market yesterday to buy dah you would have had to pay \$7.00 per catty for it, the previous day's price was \$3.50 to \$4.80 per catty. Eggs yesterday were 4 for \$1.00, today they are 3 for \$1.00, pre-war you could buy eggs at \$0.20 to \$0.40 per dozen. It would be most interesting to try to find out the whys and the wherefores of present day prices, compared with pre-war prices, and the reasons for the tremendous day by day fluctuations. Is it the retailers, the wholesalers, or the sources of supply that are holding out on the public of Hong Kong? The fish aren't charging the fishermen more today than they did five years ago for jumping into the net and the chicken is certainly not charging the farmer exorbitant rates for supplying eggs.

There are other conditions which have to be fought against. For instance, why does one shop charge \$6.00 for a certain brand of coffee and the shop on the next street charge \$7.50 for the same article. Why are shops who have imported certain types of men's underwear that is marked U.S.\$0.60 attempting to charge \$1.00 for it. Why is it that essential foodstuffs like evaporated milk that the Government has distributed amongst shops to be sold at \$1.20 per tin, which we presume includes a fair margin of profit, be offered at from \$1.70 to \$3.00 per tin, and why is it that the moment Government takes steps to see the controlled price is adhered to every tin of evaporated milk disappears from circulation.

The Hong Kong Government is supplying rice at pre-war prices, most of the dealers are paying pre-war rents for their stalls and shops, yet these provisions merchants along with the rest of the blood-sucking commercial fraternity in Hong Kong are playing ducks and drakes with the Government's effort to stabilise the cost of living in the Colony.

As usual it is the long-suffering public that is carrying the bag and unless something is done about it, prices of foodstuffs, clothing and all necessary commodities will keep on soaring skywards, workers of every class will continue to agitate for higher wages to meet these soaring living costs and before we know it we will be involved in that vicious economic circle that leads to chaos and collapse.

It is now up to the public to take the matter in hand. If the man in the street has not sufficient interest in it himself to do something about present conditions then he deserves to get what is coming to him. Just as people get the Government they deserve, so will they get the economic conditions they deserve. The dealers of Hong Kong seem to be ganging up to take advantage of the public, and it is up to the public to organise against them. And the simplest and most effective weapon they have is boycott. A boycott organisation with the power of the public and the force of public opinion behind it will put an effective brake on the unscrupulous and unwarranted greed of the merchantmen. It will soon put a stop to the shops selling evaporated milk, for instance, in excess of Government control price if that shop is reported as boycotted and the shopkeeper finds that not only is the milk unsaleable but everything else in his shop as well.

Therefore, let us get together and organise an effective Boycott Organisation with every honourable and conscientious citizen of Hong Kong a member. An effective Boycott Organisation with every member doing his bit to gather information and help to apply the restrictions suggested by the organisation will soon become a power that tradesmen could not afford to ignore and, if the worse comes to the worse, such an organisation could easily be developed on a co-operative basis with purchases made on a huge scale for the benefit of the members.

Chinese, Portuguese, Indians and Europeans, who consider themselves citizens of Hong Kong, who lived happily here in the past and hope to live happily here in the future, who have the interest of themselves and their families, their friends and the Colony at heart must get together now. Respond to this appeal and show that you are willing to work and make sacrifices for the benefit of yourselves and others and you will soon get things back to normal in Hong Kong.

ATCH JEE.

The Y.W.C.A.

Sir,—If anyone cares to look on the notice board in the Union Jack Club he will see a notice to the effect that all those who like "good music" are invited to a classical gramophone concert held each Tuesday evening at the Y.W.C.A. We saw that notice, and having a liking for "good music," turned up at the appointed hour to state that we were the only O.R.'s at the concert, and that the invitation extended to us was extremely cold shoulder from all others present. We were left severely

alone during the whole evening. We have always believed, that friendliness, even to the extent of loving one's enemies, is an absolute fundamental of Christianity. We assumed that the Y.W.C.A. really was a Christian organisation. We must have been wrong.

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To clear the air I will apologise to those officers who were sincerely offended by my remarks. At the same time I feel compelled to extend my sympathy to the equally high proportion of clean living ratings and other ranks who have been offended by disparaging remarks on the general moral behaviour of themselves and their comrades—remarks heard only too often from those who are in no position to cast aspersions on the morals of others.

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Money Mart

Gold yesterday was less hectic, though the trend was uncertain. Opening at \$508 per tola, it dropped to \$504, then jumped to \$514, went back again to \$505, and closed at \$514.

Chinese national currency recovered from the previous day's fall, and after a day when rates remained practically unchanged, it closed at \$2.23 for futures and \$2.39 for spot (per CN\$1,000).

Foreign currency notes, however, took a spurt. U.S. Dollars had buyers at \$5.37, Sterling jumped to \$17.80, and Australian pounds to \$13.60.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, May 21.

The 10 a.m. quotations on the Shanghai market today were:—

	Buying	Selling
Gold per ounce	187,250	187,750
U.S. Dollars	2,360	2,370
Hong Kong Dollars	415	425
The closing quotations were:—		
Gold per ounce	191,000	192,000
U.S. Dollars	2,390	2,410
Hong Kong Dollars	415	425

—Unofficial market.

—Associated Press.

HAD DUTY-FREE U.S. BEER

Charged with the possession of 420 cans and bottle of American beer on which duty had not been paid, Chu Ping-lam, 35, manager of the Tai Wah Restaurant, 48 Leichikok Road, appeared before Mr. W. H. Lattimer at Kowloon Court yesterday.

Defendant said that he had bought the beer from the Shun Hing Comprodre, 7/8 Nathan Road, and did not know whether the duty had been paid or not. He was remanded and will appear again before the Magistrate on Wednesday. Bail was set at \$500.

REMANDED

A further week's remand was ordered by Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when the cases against Lau Mang-ai, 33, former special constable, Hector Lee, 36, shop foki, Yau Kin-kong, 37, canteen boy, Chan Tung, 42, stall holder, Tsang Kau, 40, former police constable, Tam So, 31, a woman, Li Shing, alias Liang Shing, 33, Lam Wung alias Lam Kin-hong and Fakir Mohammed el Arculli, 40, journalist, all charged under the Defence Regulations were called.

Lau Kuen-chau, 25, store assistant, was charged with High Treason.

Lam Wink was also charged with the murder of Li Leung on or about June 16, 1942.

CHAN CHAK IN COLONY

Admiral Chan Chak, Mayor of Canton, arrived in the Colony by air yesterday and is to remain here for a few days on private business. It is possible he may select the occasion, however, to make one or two official calls. He is, of course, no stranger to Hong Kong and achieved prominent mention in the world's press when, on December 20, 1941, he escaped from the Colony to China Bay and thence into Free China with the Royal Navy's 2nd M.T.B. flotilla, largely offered by the Hong Kong R.N.V.R. He was subsequently knighted for the work he did in the Colony during the Japanese assault.

GUNS BARK IN S'HAU CITY ELECTIONS

RICE OFFER CRITICISED

Batavia, May 21. Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, today criticised the rice offer to India made by the Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, and accepted by the Indian Congress leader, Pandit Nehru.

Dr. van Mook said that he feared that famine would result in some parts of Java if 600,000 tons of rice were exported to India as suggested.

Dr. van Mook told correspondents that he hoped for a "yes or no" answer to the Indonesian question at his next meeting with Dr. Sjahrir when the latter returns from Jogjakarta about mid-week.

Dr. van Mook added that no agreement existed between himself and Dr. Sjahrir that the matter should be referred to the United Nations if negotiations failed.

He said that the Dutch view point was outlined in the speech of the Dutch Minister for Overseas Territories, Professor Logemann, to the States-General, and since that was the considered view of the Dutch Government, it must be regarded as final.

Dr. Sjahrir had been fully informed on the Dutch attitude by members of the Indonesian delegation.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

WEDNESDAY, 22nd MAY.
Canton (Fatsan) 9.00 a.m.
Bangkok (Edna) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.

Shanghai (Wing Lee) Noon.
Straits (Anhui) 2.00 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Bangkok and Saigon (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 23rd MAY.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 10.00 a.m.

Straits (Samsung) 10.00 a.m.
Hohow (Wing Lee) 10.00 a.m.
Manila, P.I. (Windermere Park) Noon.

Swatow and Amoy (Van Heutsz) 3.00 p.m.
Saigon and Bangkok (Mongolia) 3.00 p.m.

Kongmoon (On Wah) 3.00 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 24th MAY.
Canton (Sai On) 10.00 a.m.

Formosa (Tak On) 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai (Fengting) 10.00 a.m.
Macao and Tainshan (Kwong Sai) 11.00 a.m.

Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) (Reg.) 1.45 p.m. (Ord.) 2.00 p.m.

Canada, U.S.A., Central, and South America via Vancouver, E.C. (Empire Gunfleet) (Parcelle) 2.30 p.m. (Reg.) 2.45 p.m. (Ord.) 3.00 p.m.

Shanghai (Myrtlebank) 3.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 25th MAY.
Airmail for Shanghai only (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.15 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Halong (San Lee Hong) 10.00 a.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3.15 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

SHANGHAI, MAY 21. WHEN SHANGHAI'S THREE AND A HALF MILLION CHINESE WENT TO THE POLLS RECENTLY TO ELECT A CITY COUNCIL, GUNS BARKED, FIGHTS WERE A PENNY A CARLOAD, AND CANDIDATES BOUGHT THEMSELVES INTO OFFICE IN A WAY WHICH WOULD PUT TO SHAME THE VOTE-GETTING TACTICS OF TOM PENDERGAST.

TWO THOUSAND CANDIDATES COMPETED FOR 181 SEATS ON THE COUNCIL, WHICH WILL PERFORM MUCH THE SAME DUTIES AS A TOWN COUNCIL IN ENGLAND. ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF ITS MEMBERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE PROFESSIONS AND WERE AUTOMATICALLY ELECTED WHEN NOMINATED BY THEIR ASSOCIATIONS. THE OTHERS WERE ON THEIR OWN—WITH THE RICHEST MAN WINNING EVERY TIME.

The city was in gala mood for election day. It was the first time in the history of the port that the Chinese had been given a chance to select their governors, and they turned out in masses to greet what they hoped fully believed was the dawn of democracy in China. Flags were out and streamers fluttered from the main buildings. Poster-covered cars and buses toured the streets offering free lifts to voters.

The real fun, however, started inside the polling booths. In the regulations governing the elections is a clause stating that a person who cannot read or write may ask an appointed official to fill in his ballot slip. Since it is estimated that 70 per cent. of the electorate was illiterate, the "we'll write it for you" department became the main political control centre.

"Who do you want to vote for?" a rickshaw coolie would be asked when he walked in. "Mr. Wong" might be the reply. "Mr. Chow" the official scribbled dutifully filled up on the ballot slip. In some places election "helpers" were even more straightforward in their methods. They simply filled in the name of their candidate without going through the formality of asking the voter whom he supported.

Another control point for the wealthy candidate was at the ballotbox. Each voter was supposed to place his slip in the box with his own hands. But a helper would stand in front of the box: "Give it to me," he said to each voter, looking at the slip. If the name of an opposition candidate appeared, it simply disappeared into his pocket.

In one outlying district farmers who objected to these methods started shooting. A city candidate invaded the polling booth in this region with 500 beggars picked up the night before from Shanghai's streets and locked up in a camp. Six armed policemen accompanied the group to the polls to see that none ran away.

When the battered cavalcade arrived at the booth, the camp superintendent went in to see the official in charge, he demanded 800 ballot slips for his 500 charges. The official, however, took a firm stand and insisted he could only give one slip for one citizen. After some discussion a compromise was reached—700 slips.

Word Passes Round. In the meantime word of what was happening had been passed around the local farmers—guerillas during the war—who were supporting one of their own men. They brought their guns and collected outside the booth.

The election official came out. The case against Arthur Charles Griffin, able seaman of the m.v. "Kaipaki," was yesterday fixed for hearing at Kowloon Court this morning before Mr. Horace L. Griffin is charged with the larceny of a typewriter while on the high seas on February 12 and, further, with unlawful possession of a quantity of cosmetics and other articles in Kowloon on May 15.

The case against Sub-Inspector of Police charged with misconduct as a police officer, was fixed for continued hearing on Wednesday, May 23, from 10 a.m. before Mr. W. H. Latimer.

The case against John Charles Stoppa, junk inspector, a Royal Isaac Fernandez, inspector of police, and two others, was fixed for continued hearing on Tuesday, June 3, from 10 a.m. before Mr. W. H. Latimer. Stoppa is up on two charges of extortion and accepting a bribe, and the other three defendants on two charges of aiding and abetting and procuring and counselling Stoppa.

Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for Griffin, Wong Wing-tung and Fernandez.

ONE-PARTY RULE NOW OVER

Nanking, May 21. Peng Hsueh-shan, the new Minister of Information, told newspapermen yesterday that the "days of one-party rule are over. The Government looks forward to the fulfilment by the Communists of promises and cooperation for the unity of all China."—Associated Press.

"DEATH RLY." WAR TRIAL

Singapore, May 21. A Japanese Major, Toraro Nizutani, was accused here today of building "an inhuman Frankenstein monster"—the Siam-Burma "death railway" which it had been stated, cost the lives of 18,000 Dutch, British, Australian and American prisoners-of-war and 90,000 natives.

Nizutani, commander of a group of camps at the northern end of the line, was charged in the first of a series of big cases resulting from the building of the railway with:

Inhuman treatment of American, British, Dutch and Australian prisoners engaged on the railway's construction, resulting in the deaths of hundreds and physical suffering to many others.

Ill-treatment of a Burmese civilian; and on December 31, 1944 killing Fusiller L. W. Warty of the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers at Tamau camp in Siam.

A team of United States, British and Dutch prosecutors while two Japanese lawyers defended. A British prosecutor accused Nizutani of building the "inhuman monster," said that he had 2,000 men under his command. No fewer than 570 died between January 18 and December 27, 1943.

"If a man builds a human Frankenstein," he declared, "and sets it at large, he is responsible for the actions of that monster."—Reuter.

RETURN OF LOOT

Tokyo, May 21. The Japanese Government was today directed by allied headquarters to locate and report on the condition with a view to preparation for its return to China, of a 4,000-kilowatt steam turbo-generator which was looted in August 1944 from the Chung Hsing Mining Company in China.

The Chinese Liaison Office reported that the generator and auxiliary machinery was shipped to the Japanese Navy Office in Osaka from China.—Associated Press.

SCAP BAN ON TWO JAPANESE

Tokyo, May 21. General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters today laid down a firm "No Exceptions" policy on the potential Japanese political purges—and out went two nominees for Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's new Cabinet.

Yoshida made quick changes in his portfolios to accommodate the sudden development and there is every expectancy that he will seek final approval by the Emperor tonight or tomorrow.

The Japanese Government sent a formal request to Allied Headquarters to exempt Minister of Justice Chuzo Doi and Minister of Agriculture Hiroshi Nasu from the Allied directive barring individuals with militaristic or ultra-nationalistic records from public office.

Headquarters turned down the request with the ruling that there can be no exceptions in applying the provisions, which are designed to keep old leaders of Japan's aggression and war out of the government.

The action is doubly significant because Iwata was allowed to serve as Minister of Justice in Shidehara's Cabinet, apparently under special dispensation, as Japanese sources said he had been considered indispensable in drafting the new proposed constitution for Japan.

The Japanese Foreign Liaison Office acknowledged that it regarded both Professor Nasu and 71-year-old Iwata as ineligible, but hoped that they would win a SCAP waiver at the behest of Prime Minister Yoshida, who especially wanted Nasu for a key agricultural post.—Associated Press.

Chinese Soldier Arrested

Language difficulties were the cause of a minor incident on the New Territories border on Monday morning, resulting in the temporary detention of a Chinese soldier.

The soldier, armed with a hand grenade, attempted to cross the border into China without the necessary documents. He was stopped by the Commandant and eventually lost his temper and tried to hit the Sergeant in charge. He was promptly put under arrest and the Chinese authorities communicated with. A short talk was sufficient to clear the matter up and the man was released.

VARIETY RECORDS

The usual concert of variety on Radio will be given at the T.H. Sargis Club, St. Andrews, Nathan Road, Kowloon at 8 p.m. this evening. The programme will include "Woodchopper's Ball" played by Joe Loss, St. James Infirmary Blues played by Artie Shaw, Ficar, sung by Judy Garland, Thanks for the Memory, sung by Bob Hope, and Shirley Ross. There's Beans, Sula, composed by Eric Coates and played by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra will also be rendered together with other numbers by Larry Adler, Buddy Featherstonhaugh, Glenn Miller, Harry James, Tony Martin, Benny Goodman, and Tommy Dorsey.

BRINJAP FORCES INSPECTED

Kure, Japan, May 21. Undertones from wailing bagpipes in a colourful ceremony, highlighted the first official inspection by Lieut.-Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger of the British Commonwealth occupation troops under his command.

The commander of the 8th Army paid tribute to the Commonwealth forces based in this heavily bombed one-time major Japanese naval base at the end of a day-long inspection yesterday on the eve of Empire Day.

"I am very much impressed with the appearance of the various components of the British Commonwealth occupation forces," said Eichelberger. "In a short time here they have taken a hold in fine shape."

Lieut.-Gen. John Northcott, B.C.O.F. Commander, accompanied Eichelberger on his tour of the base, which ended with a formal "retreat" ceremony by the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, commanded by Lieut.-Col. Alan MacLean. The killed Highlander band was joined by the 2nd Battalion of the 5th Royal Gurkha Rifles band which arrived on Sunday as part of the forces under Brigadier K. S. Thimayya, Commander of the Indian Brigade.

Australian, New Zealand and Scottish troops, witnessed the traditional retreat ceremony in a Highlander camp—based near Kure against a background of green hills and the once large but now useless Japanese war factory.

Previously, Gen. Eichelberger had inspected the Kure naval base—now a vast junkpile twisted and rusted in ruins.—Associated Press.

N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, May 20. Steel, motor, rail and special issues advanced today although many leaders were indifferent to the rally and dealings were relatively sluggish.

Postponement of the rail strike was helpful to sentiment and revived the hope that this controversy as well as the serious situation would soon be adjusted.

Smattering of cheering dividend earnings and talks of further up-tick buoyed individual favorites.

Transfers totalled 910,000 shares.
Dow Jones Averages ... \$ 76.80
30 Industrials ... 207.18
20 Rails ... 64.36
15 Utilities ... 42.75
Adams Express \$22½, Alaska Juneau \$8½, American Can \$96½, American Smelting \$98½, American Telephone \$109½, American Tobacco \$99, American Waterworks \$24½, Anaconda—Copper \$46½, Aviation Corporation \$10½, Baldwin \$34, Barnsdall \$20½, Bendix Aviation \$47½, Bethlehem Steel \$106½, Boeing \$27½, Borden Co. \$54½, Canadian Pacific \$18½, J.I. Case \$46½, Chrysler \$130, Colgate \$51½, Commercial Solvents \$29½, Corn Products \$60½, Dupont \$216½, Eastman Kodak \$252½, Electric Light & Power \$75½, General Electric \$46½, General Motors \$72, Goodrich \$78, Goodyear \$72½, Homestead Mining \$47½, International Harvester \$97½, International Paper \$49, International Tel. & Tel. \$27½, Johns Manville \$155½, Kennecott Copper \$56½, Montgomery Ward \$98½, National Distillers \$84½, National Lead \$38½, New York Central R.R. \$28½, Packard Motors \$9, Pan American Airways \$19½, Pennsylvania R.R. \$41½, Radio Corporation \$15½, Republic Steel \$36, Royolds Tobacco \$44½, Schenley \$83, Sears Roebuck \$40½, Shell Oil \$39½, Socony Vacuum \$16½, Southern Pacific \$61½, Standard Brands \$53, Standard Oil of Calif. \$67, Standard Oil of New York \$75½, Studabaker \$31½, Union Bag \$35, Union Carbide \$119½, U.S. Rubber \$77½, U.S. Steel \$36, Westinghouse \$35½, Youngstown Sheet & Tube \$70.—Associated Press.

BRIG. THIMAYYA IN TOKYO

Tokyo, May 21. Brigadier R. S. Thimayya arrived from India today to take command of Indian units among British Commonwealth forces assigned to the occupation of Japan. Thimayya, who commanded the Indian forces which captured Rangoon in the Burma campaign, said he felt the Indian army had earned the right to share in the honour of occupying Japan.—Associated Press.

THE NEW TAXES

Six new Austin taxicabs are ready for service and will be put on the road as soon as the decision of fares is arranged with the Government. It was learned from the Yellow Taxi Co. yesterday. The fare suggested by the company is said to be \$4.50 a mile, as against the present charge of 50 cents.

PROPAGANDA OF HATE

Nanking, May 21. General George Marshall sharply criticized both Communist and Government factions, today for propaganda campaigns, which, he said, "naturally inflame feeling and increase the possibility that some hotheads may precipitate a general conflagration."

He said he was keenly concerned over the critical situation in North China and was endeavouring by every means to avoid the spread there of fighting from Manchuria.

He added, in an extraordinary press release: "The reckless propaganda of hate and suspicion seriously aggravates the present grave situation and can lead to results disastrous to the people of China."

Marshall said the operations of the truce teams were made especially difficult "by the spreading of propaganda among the officers and soldiers of both sides" and on the success of these teams China largely depends for her effort at least to localize if not suppress the conflicts.

He declared that he was daily engaged with representatives of the Chinese political parties and others concerning the restoration of peace to Manchuria.—Associated Press.

COMMUNIST "REVOLT"

Nanking, May 21. Chinese Nationalist forces may reach Changchun, capital of Manchuria, in a week's time following their victory over the Communists at Siping, south of Changchun. It was generally believed here today.

The Communists, however, have scored gains in their offensive in Shantung, Jehol and Hopei. Defence works are being erected in Peiping and Tientsin, as the Communist forces from Jehol and Shantung close in on the two cities.

The Chinese Government organ, the "Central Daily News" today described these attacks as a "nationwide Communist revolt."—Reuter.

Cease-Fire Teams

Peiping, May 21. Government sources announced today that executive headquarters had dispatched special cease-fire teams to South-eastern Jehol where it estimated 26,000 communist troops were attacking on a 200-mile front.

The Central Government reports a warning to the communists that if they do not halt their advance near Peiping, two Government armies flanking Jehol east and west would be ordered to counterattack.—Associated Press.

Threat To Tainan

Nanking, May 21. A Government military headquarters spokesman today said that despite Sunday's newly signed truce in Shantung, 30,000 Communists are still closely threatening Tainan, and that the Government is rushing airborne reinforcements there.

The Communist "New China" news agency said that five transport planes are daily taking troops of the Government 12th and 68th armies to Tainan and that the Government had launched an offensive south of the city—one of the three directions from which Government reports accused the Communists of attacking.

The Government army spokesman also said that lines are being drawn for a new battle for Tainan, railway city in Kiangsu province, south of Shantung and only 200 miles north of Nanking.—Associated Press.

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BARGAIN IN THE COMMONS

Debate On Egypt Promised On Friday

Insurance Bill To Be Hurried

LONDON, MAY 21.
THERE WILL BE A DEBATE ON EGYPT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ON FRIDAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THIS FOLLOWED CONFLICTING STATEMENTS IN THE COMMONS EARLIER TODAY WHICH MR. ARTHUR GREENWOOD, THE ACTING LEADER OF THE HOUSE, STARTED WHEN HE TOLD MR. ANTHONY EDEN (CON.) THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO ARRANGE FOR A DEBATE ON EGYPT ON FRIDAY.

Later when he asked for the Opposition's co-operation to finish discussions of the National Insurance Bill on Thursday night, instead of Friday, Mr. Eden said that the Opposition could give no such undertaking, and Mr. Sydney Silverman (Labour) said that many Labour members were reluctant to sacrifice a proper examination of some clauses of the Insurance Bill in favour of discussions on Egypt which, to many of them, seemed premature while negotiations were proceeding.

To this Mr. Greenwood said that as there was said to be a strong desire for the government to face up to the position in Egypt they had tried to do it at the earliest opportunity. He declared that Mr. Churchill had shown great indignation about the question of Egypt last week and had threatened to bring a vote of censure, which, said Mr. Greenwood, he had stated he was prepared to accept, and was still ready to accept.

He did not think it was disadvantage to have a debate this week.

Meet The Challenge

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who is now back from Paris, thought it would be desirable to have the discussion.

Mr. Bevin said he was prepared to meet the challenge and it was in international interest that the challenge should be met as early as possible.

Mr. Greenwood then declared that unless the House accepted his proposal he would withdraw the opportunity for a debate on Egypt on Friday, but under pressure from Mr. Eden he said he still thought it reasonable to complete the Insurance Bill discussion in two days and offered to discuss with Mr. Eden later today, the suggestion for a debate on Egypt on Friday.

Treaty Talks

Cairo, May 20.
Ismail Sidky Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister was asked tonight whether the new Anglo-Egyptian treaty had been prepared.

He replied: "We have not reached that stage yet. It is not easy." Sidky added that the question of the British evacuation of Cairo and Alexandria had been "definitely decided."

He made this statement after his meeting with the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Campbell.—Reuter.

IRAN GOVERNMENT DENIES HOSTILITIES

Tehran, May 21.

The Iranian Government today denied that their forces in Kurdistan were attacking the province of Azorbaljan and said that no orders had been sent from Tehran for the commanders to attack. The Government also said that it had ordered an immediate inquiry into the Tabriz radio report of the fighting.

The statement says: "Because of the news from Tabriz of a clash between Iranian and Azerbaijan forces, reports have been spread to arouse public anxiety, but as we have repeatedly said, orders have been issued by the Prime Minister (Chavarm es Sultaneh) for the maintenance of friendly relations and that Iranian troops would not move from their present positions."

Reuters correspondent in Tehran said that observers here point out that the Tabriz statement may be for internal consumption, either as an excuse for the introduction of a military government and increased conscription, or as a means of increasing support for the Democrats and undermining the position of the Central government.—Reuter.

Tabriz radio news was unexpected, but immediately orders were issued for an inquiry. Until the conclusion of negotiations with Azerbaijan, a mission of government officials and representatives from Tabriz will be present on the frontiers to maintain order.

"Obviously the reports of warfare with Azerbaijan are untrue."

Tabriz radio, however, reported last night that heavy fighting had broken out and was continuing. According to the radio, Iranian government troops were attacking about 100 miles south of Tabriz. The Iranian troops, the radio said, made their attack from Shahindeh and Baghcheh, south of Lake Urmia, in the neighbouring province of Kurdistan.

"It is not known who gave instructions to the Iranian forces in Kurdistan," the radio added, "but we will keep the Iranians out of Azerbaijan. Everyone should know that the Tehran government wants to deceive us."

Death Of Cardinal

Rome, May 20.

Enrico, Cardinal Gasparri of Italy, prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signature, died today at the age of 74. His death reduces the membership in the Sacred College of Cardinals to 66, which is four below the maximum number of 70 members.

Gasparri, sub-dean of the Sacred College, was a veteran of the Vatican diplomatic service and spent many years in Latin America on diplomatic assignments. He was made Cardinal in 1928.

He was born in Usella, Italy and was the nephew of Pius Cardinal Borelli who served as Vatican Secretary of State under Pope Pius the 11th and in the first years of the Pontificate of Pope Pius the 12th. As a young priest he went to South America and became secretary to his uncle who was the Apostolic delegate to Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Later, he became Auditor of the Nunciature in Brazil and then, successively, Apostolic delegate and Nuncio to Colombia. On returning to Europe, he became Nuncio at Lisbon, Brussels and Madrid.—Associated Press.

HITS SKYSCRAPER

New York, May 21.
An aeroplane today crashed into the 20th floor of the 90-story Bank of Manhattan building in Wall Street.—Associated Press.

INCORPORATED

London, May 21.

The Spanish government has refused to assist in the repatriation of Germans "considered incorporated in Spanish life," Mr. Hector McNeill, Foreign Under-Secretary, told the House of Commons last night.

The "incorporated" Germans, he said, were those who were long resident in Spain.—Associated Press.

WORK FOR PEACE SAYS TRUMAN

Liberty, Missouri, May 21.

President Truman declared last night that the United States will pursue the cause of peace with all its might.

Speaking extemporaneously after receiving an honorary degree from the William Jewell College, the president told his audience: "The United Nations will be a success because it must be. What we need now are people who are willing to work for what it stands for. Let me urge you to get on the team in its leadership for peace."—Associated Press.

JAP. DIPLOMATS IN 'FRISCO

Washington, May 20.

A State Department spokesman said today that a party of Japanese diplomats is being held at San Francisco awaiting a ship to take them back to Yokohama.

The group includes a baron as well as several women and children who had been interned during the war in Argentina, where they were held in a country club, the official said. Subsequently, the Japanese Government ordered them to return home and the only way they could make the trip was via the United States.

The ship which took them to San Francisco paid a call first at Los Angeles. They have been in this country only a few days. They will be held at San Francisco by the Immigration Service until the next ship for Japan which will be leaving in early June, the State Department spokesman said.—Associated Press.

Rangoon Incident

Rangoon, May 21.

Two persons were killed and five injured when police fired on a procession of several thousand, demonstrating against the arrest at Tanabin in the Insein district, of members of the "People's Volunteer Organization."

The arrests by the Burmese Government were the subject of discussion on Monday between the Governor, Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, and General Aung San, President of the Burmese people's anti-Fascist League.

Aung San alleged that 65 members of his organization were arrested last week for performing military drill with dummy rifles and bamboo sticks and 35 were sentenced to prison for terms ranging from six to eighteen months.—Associated Press.

UNRRA AIDES FOR CHINA

San Francisco, May 21.

A Constellation Clipper, carrying 30 passengers, mostly U.N.R.R.A. physicians, social workers, nurses and engineers, departed this morning for Shanghai via Honolulu, Wake Island and Tokyo.

It was the Pan-American airways 6th charter flight for U.N.R.R.A.—Associated Press.

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Britain's Decision To Quit Egypt: Trade

London, May 21.

Britain's dire need for postwar trade and the realization that the atom bomb has changed and altered military concepts are two of main factors behind the Labour Government's epochal decision to quit both India and Egypt. This was made clear to me as a result of conversations with advisers to Prime Minister Attlee, British Foreign Office spokesmen, and Dominion heads and statements from leaders of the Conservative opposition.

From the top ranks of the Government down to the rank and file of the Labour Party, there is this explanation of the whole changing picture of British policy:

Empire defence, because of atomic power, is no longer the question of a huge army. The maintenance of troops in such places as Egypt and India is not worth the risk of getting involved in political warfare that might stir up a political boycott.

One high official termed the negotiation of the new pact with Egypt as the best course by far, and predicted the result would be a better pact, "implemented by Egyptian good will" with the markets increas-

ing in such an atmosphere, while "there is a possibility that if we did not get out of the country, the Egyptians might boycott British goods."

Considerations much the same applied to the decision to offer India her independence, although Mr. Attlee expressed the hope that the Indians will decide to remain with the British Commonwealth. It is of paramount importance to Britain to develop Indian trade.

One official said: "A friendly commercial treaty with India would provide a good market for Britain which she cannot hope to have if the present antagonistic feeling persists. We believe that if the Indians feel that they have not been oppressed, they will open up their markets."

Members of the Labour government say that Britain is determined to make a fresh attempt to get all nations living harmoniously together in

mutual respect and, wherever possible, to eradicate from British policy anything which might give cause for hostility, mistrust and suspicion.

Suez Canal

Many Conservatives, including former Prime Minister Winston Churchill who voiced disapproval over the Egyptian decision, argued that the Suez Canal would be unprotected. But military leaders, pointing to the atomic bomb, declare that the Canal never again can be protected by land soldiers. Officials and military strategists say that Britain can still maintain strategic control of the Middle East through air bases in Palestine and Trans-Jordan.

Realizing that in the event of war the Suez Canal might be wiped from the map in the first few hours by atomic bombs, Empire leaders meeting here with Prime Minister Attlee and Foreign Secretary Bevin agreed that a communications route around the Cape of Good Hope and South-east Africa should be developed with a series of defence bases. — Associated Press.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—S.S. Samdant from Calcutta, H.M.S. Armada from Saigon, S.S. Deviken, S.S. Empire Tavoy from Kure, S.S. Van Heutz from Singapore, U.S.S. Typhoon, U.S.S. Nemasket, H.M.S. Liberty from trials and S.S. Hickory Glen from exercises.

Scheduled Arrivals
Today:—U.S.S. George from Guam, H.M.S. Treaday and Orsay from Vereker Bank and F.S. Suffren from Saigon.
Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Cauvery from Kure.

Departures

Yesterday:—S.S. Hickory Glen to exercises, H.M.S. Liberty, H.M.S. Armada, H.M.S. Contest to exercises, S.S. Wing Sang for Shanghai and U.S.S. Nemasket and Y.C. 79.

Scheduled Departures
Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Pheasant for Shanghai.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, May 20.
A sharp reversal in the trend of May Rye featured grain trading today in the Chicago market. Opening five cents lower the contract held at that limit of decline until 11 minutes before the close when buyers sent the price soaring ten cents from its low.
Rye:—May delivery \$2.32½.
Corn:—January delivery \$1.35½.
Oats:—August delivery \$0.83½.
September delivery \$0.80.
All other grain prices remained unchanged.
Winnipeg Rye Market:—May \$2.58 bid, July \$2.49½ bid, October \$2.20½ bid, December \$2.10½.
—Associated Press.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, May 20.
The N.Y. cotton futures market was moderately firm today in moderately active dealings. Persistent New Orleans buying and mill covering against textiles orders met only limited hedge offerings.
Closing Prices:—July \$27.45, October \$27.09, December \$27.23, March \$27.08, May (1947) \$27.08, July (1947) \$27.09, Middling Spot \$28.05.
New Orleans Cotton:—July \$27.41, October \$27.08, December \$27.70/80, March \$27.06, May (1947) \$27.98/99, Middling Spot —.
—Associated Press.

NEW CAR PRICES

Washington, May 21.
New car prices which already were boosted because of higher wages, are going up again this time an average of four to five per cent to offset costlier steel and parts. In making the disclosure, a high OPA official told newsmen privately that the raise probably would go into effect within 10 days. — Associated Press.

CLOSING DOWN

Youngstown, Ohio, May 21.
The Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., due to lack of coal, will be forced to start closing down tonight with all operations expected to be brought to a standstill within a day or so. — Associated Press.

NATIONAL MINES

London, May 21.
The House of Commons yesterday adopted by 324 to 143 votes the Labour Government bill nationalising Britain's coal mines. The Bill now awaits the approval of the House of Lords. — Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

The type of swindle shown in today's hand is very simple yet very effective. But despite its simplicity, only the best players make use of it. If you've never executed this type, remember it well for you'll get lots of chances to try it out.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
B. 8 7 8
D. 8 5 4 3
D. A K 7 2
C. 10 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1S Pass 2S Pass
4S Pass 5S Pass

West opened the Queen of diamonds, dummy winning with the King. South saw that he'd have to lose a diamond and a heart, and that he might have to lose a spade and a club. Since that was one loser too many, his contract would depend on winning a finesse in one of the black suits. He couldn't tell which finesse to choose because there was no way to know which of the black Kings East was more likely to hold.

Since it was important to take out trumps, South started by taking a trump finesse. He led the three of spades from the dummy and played the Queen from his own hand, and West calmly played the four of spades. West could see that dummy had only one more entry, and suspected that South would use that entry to take another trump finesse. If the first finesse seemed to work, West didn't know what else South might need the entry for, but he did know that any finesse South might take in clubs or hearts was bound to succeed. Hence West's play was intended to steer South away from a winning finesse towards a losing finesse.

We'd like to report that West's little stratagem succeeded, but we have to tell the truth. South fully intended to take another trump finesse when West played the four of spades—but East reached for the trick! East knew that a finesse was being taken and expected his partner to win the trick; but his gesture gave away West's plot, and South hastily changed his plans and made the contract with a club finesse.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:
S 8 5 4
H A 7 3 2
D A 9 4 3
C 10 6

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maier
1D Pass 1H 2C
2S Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid four diamonds. You dislike to get past the three-no-trump level, but you must make an energetic bid at this point to show that your hand is not entirely worthless. To bid only three diamonds would show a pretty weak hand which has slightly better support for diamonds than for spades.

Score 100 per cent for four diamonds, 50 per cent for three diamonds.

Question
Today you are Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S 9 7 5
H K 9 6 4
D K 7 3 2
C 10 6

The bidding:
Maier Schenken You Jacoby
1D Pass 1H 2C
2S Pass (7)
What do you bid? (Answer Tomorrow).

EXCHANGE MARKET

New York, May 20.
New York Foreign Exchange:
—T.T. on Montreal \$0.9075, London \$4.08½, Paris \$0.84½, Buenos Aires (free market) \$24.40, Rio de Janeiro (free market) \$5.25, Mexico \$20.65, Amsterdam (free market) \$37.50, Brussels \$2.25, Havana (free market) \$37.50, Singapore \$47.60, Bombay \$50.85, Hong Kong \$55.35. — Associated Press.

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